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**Testimony, HB 4714
Proposed Medicaid Expansion
House Committee – Michigan Competitiveness
June 12, 2013**

Chairman Shirkey and Committee Members,

RetakeOurGov opposes any expansion of the failed Medicaid program and therefore opposes HB 4714.

We are puzzled that our Governor and many legislators have characterized this expansion as “free.” In other words, they claim this proposed expansion of a failed government program will not cost taxpayers a dime. It is this type of financial logic which has put our country at financial risk.

An aide to the Governor was recently quoted as saying, "As a CPA, Gov. Snyder knows there's a strong case that this Medicaid component is the financially responsible and smart thing to do while also being the right thing to do, both short- and long-term for Michiganders and our state's economy and health status. What's being proposed is a unique Michigan-centric plan that protects our state's taxpayers and small businesses while ensuring coverage for our vulnerable citizens."

This quote indicates the Governor is basing his policies on a set of incomplete financial records. What the Governor and many legislators are overlooking is the fact that our federal government is \$17 trillion in debt and has unfunded liabilities of tens of trillions of more dollars. The proposed expansion of the failed Medicaid program will further the financial burden that our generation has saddled our children and grandchildren with.

Our organization does not agree with public policies which disadvantage future generations and prevent them from achieving their dreams. Future generations of Americans should not have to pay for the failed programs of our generation. We request a no vote on HB 4714.

Respectfully submitted,

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